

Michigan Damage Prevention Board

Minutes

April 26, 2018

Call to Order Laura Arnold called the Meeting to order at 10:14AM. In attendance was Mike Harrington, Motor City Electric; Harry Carr, URG; Nathan Lee, MGU; Ian Chapman, USIC; Brian Thompson, MECA; Jim Moskal, Corby Energy; Kristen Lawless, MPSC; Kathleen Gruzowski, MISS DIG 811; Bruce Campbell, MISS DIG 811, Bill Fisher, MISS DIG 811; Dirk Dunham, Consumers; Steve Kraai, Semco Energy; Scot Runke, DTE; Sam Williams, DTE; Bethany Brooks, DTE. On the call was Ron Rabarchick of BP and Briant Thomas of AT&T

Approval of Agenda Bruce Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Nick Lefke supported. Motion passed.

Approval of the March 2018 Minutes Steve Kraai made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Bethany Brooks supported. Motion passed.

Update of List No changes

MPSC Damage Reporting and Complaints

Any "Board Review" Incidents or Issues Since last meeting only two complaints on the online web form one was from MGU with boring company not performing soft excavation, under investigation. DTE had issues with contractor doing curbs saw cutting. Contractor claims he only performs staking. Jeff will respond to the contractor.

MISS DIG Update

New Ticket Entry including: ePlan, eOHA, Locates Without Borders, Map Changes.

New Base Maps launched 04/17/2018

Damage Prevention/Education Bruce Campbell reported April is safe digging month. MISS DIG 811 has done ten full day presentations, have done other certification presentations. The next phase will be reviewing the MISS DIG 811 certification process and integrating into 4iQ with additional modules for damage reporting, no marks. The MISS DIG 811 Excavator Education Program group will work to create a first responder module. Looking at external and internal training options such as Gold Shovel Standard, Locating, and WebTMS. There are six states using the 4iQ system; for information that is similar such as RP1162 the group will work together to create a comprehensive module.

Design Response Times 10 Days effective 6/1/2018

MDPB Best Practices

Updates on Development Last Committee Meeting was March 28, 2018. Dirk reported that the discussion focused on shallow facilities. Rob had done a bit of pre-work with milling contractors. No conclusions, but some of the issues were:

If the surface milling is the whole depth of the pavement or surface only (2 inches) would that require a ticket.

The MPSC suggestion is that if a facility owner notices a shallow facility they would note it as shallow; whose responsibility is it to determine the depth?

Who is responsible to initiate contact if there is a shallow facility; Is there a difference in responsibilities for a dig notice vs a design notice?

What is the difference between right of way and private property?

Could the contractor install conduit under the road to assist in moving.

How soon does a facility owner have to remedy a shallow facility?

Overall, we need a culture change in the milling industry and education on the difference between complete removal and milling. Milling is usually subcontracted on short notice, many times a general contractor will wait to place a request until after milling is complete so marks are not destroyed. Dirk will summarize all the questions for the group

Hand exposure requirements

Shallow facilities

14-Day Rule

Abandon Facility Laura informed the group of the new abandon facility code MISS DIG 811 can offer members. Nick asked how it would benefit Designers. The current Best Practice was displayed. Bruce provided the history behind the creation of the abandon code. The use is for abandon lines when the facility owner otherwise would not receive the request. The Best Practice Committee will review how the new offering impacts the current Best Practice and suggest language for the automated Positive Response.

Next Committee Meeting TBD

CGA Update

Cross Bore Update Following next CGA Committee Meeting

New Business Roundtable

Vacuum Excavation When someone has a dig ticket and they are trying to locate the facilities they will call for additional assistance. The facility owner trying to assist in locating may use a hydrovac. This makes the facility owner a contractor in need of a dig notice. This is another example of how being able to share a ticket would be beneficial. Nick inquired if a hydrovac requires a ticket.

Briant asked if there was way to upload photographs of the markings to the facility owners, allowing them to respond quickly. Bruce reiterated that this Best Practice has been looked at before and the real issue is with the damage claims departments within the facility owners organization on their mindset on ticket ownership.

Bethany asked about soft excavation over a gas line and how do you know there is a gas line. For soft excavation, do they need a ticket. Bruce reviewed the difference between PA 174 and federal law.

Scope of Work Dirk questioned on scope of work Row to Row vs both side of road. Discussion occurred.

Next Meeting Fourth Thursday of May and will be the annual meeting. TIME to precede. Possible TIME as committee of MDPB.

Adjourn This is Steve Kraai's last meeting; he is retiring from SEMCO. Congratulations Steve. Samantha Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. Bruce Campbell supported. Motion passed.